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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members  
FROM: Craig McLaughlin, Senior Health Policy Manager  
RE: FEATHERSTONE REID AWARD NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

**Background and Summary:**

On October 10, 2001, the State Board of Health adopted the following motion:

*The State Board of Health shall assist the secretary health in the selection of nominees for the Warren Featherstone Reid Award for Excellence in Health Care. The Chair, with the assistance of Board staff, will issue a call for nominations on or about October 1 of each year. Nominations will be due by December 31. During January, a committee will review the nominations and recommend a finalist or list of finalists to the full Board. The committee shall comprise (1) one member of the Board appointed by the Chair; (2) the Executive Director of the Board or a designee; (3) one staff person from the Department of Health selected by the Secretary; (4) one staff person from the Health Care Authority selected by the Administrator; (5) one health care provider recruited by Board staff; and (6) one administrator from a health care facility recruited by Board staff. The Board will consider the committee's recommendations during the first meeting held after February 1 and communicate its findings to the secretary immediately thereafter.*

Consistent with the motion, Chair Linda Lake issued a call for nominations immediately after the October 10 meeting and staff received three nominations by the December 31 deadline. The nomination review committee convened on March 4. Present were Board Chair Linda Lake; Board staff member Craig McLaughlin; Dr. Dick Seaman; Scott Bond, Administrator, Providence St. Peter Hospital; Bob Blacksmith, Health Care Authority; and Dr. Maxine Hayes, Department of Health. The committee agreed to forward the name of nominee John B. Welsh to the full Board. Committee members spoke of "the quality of his leadership," as well as "his holistic approach and his overall impact over the years." They also noted that the people who nominated him had provided the most complete documentation that his work fit the award criteria.

**Possible Board action:**

If the Board supports the recommendation of the nominations review committee, a motion to adopt the recommendation of the committee and forward it to the Secretary of Health would be in order.

Attachments: October 10, 2001 memo to the Board; nomination materials for John Welsh